

WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO



AVI PRUZANSKY - PLAYWRIGHT

Avi is a New York-based playwright, actor, improviser, and, above all else, a massive theater nerd. Raised in an Orthodox Jewish home, Avi is deeply proud of his Jewish upbringing and the community and values that helped shape him as an artist. His first produced work, *The Shomer Play*, enjoyed a sold-out run at the New York Theater Festival. His newest play, *Crisis of Man*, will premiere at NYTF in December 2026. When he isn't writing, Avi performs both improv and dramatic acting and is always looking for another excuse to be in a rehearsal room. He loves, loves, LOVES theater and is grateful to continue growing as an artist at The Barrow Group. Special shout-out to Scott Organ!!



COURTNEY COSTELLO - DIRECTOR

Courtney is grateful for the opportunity to direct WWDWWD and to work with this ensemble. Previous directing credits include the staged reading of Carla Katz's *Tango* at TBG and the world premiere of Jane Flannigan's full-length drama *Acute* at Polaris North. As Rose Courtney, she has authored and performed work at theaters including George Street Playhouse, Keen Company, Lincoln Center Directors Lab, New York Theater Workshop, Frog and Peach, Hudson Valley Shakespeare, Cherry Lane Theater, Dorset Theater Festival, and Portland Stage. Courtney was trained at Vassar College, the Eugene O'Neill Center, and New Actors Workshop and is a member of the actors' unions, the Dramatists Guild and The Actors Center. www.rose-courtney.com



BEN HEINEMAN - MARC

Ben is an American actor based in the NYC area. Having started acting professionally in March of 2022, Ben has since Guest Starred on *Law and Order: Organized Crime*, and appeared in films such as *Mean Girls* (2024), *Roommates*, *No Hard Feelings*, *Summer of 69*, and *The Legend of Juan Jose Mundo*. Ben will be seen in the upcoming films *The Comeback King* and *Bad Day*. Ben has been a proud member of the Barrow Group community since April of 2022.



MADELEINE GOLD - ERICA

Madeleine is an actress known for Peeky (2021). A graduate of LAMDA (the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art) class of 2024, she was awarded "Best Supporting Actress in a Feature Film" from the Phoenix Film Critics Society at the 2021 Scottsdale International Film Festival. She grew up in both Los Angeles, California and Bristol, England.



ROSE WALLACE - SHOSHANNA

Rose is a NYC based actor. She recently completed The Barrow Group's Summer Intensive and is excited to begin the Professional One Year Program. Outside of acting, she is a cat mom and marathon runner. Rose is thrilled to be part of this staged reading!



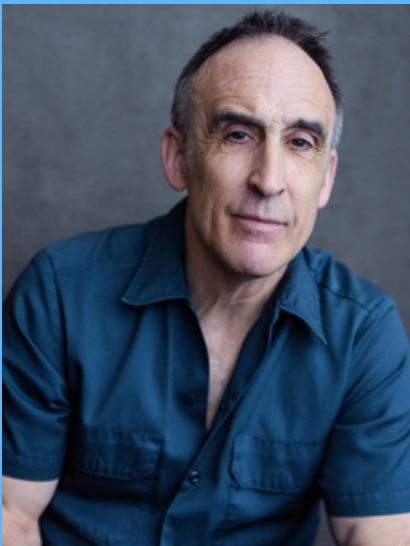
THOMAS SAMUELS - SONNY

Thomas is a NYC/CT based actor in theatre and film. An alumnus of Columbia University and the Barrow Group Conservatory, his recent credits include productions of Pride and Prejudice (Mr. Darcy), Hamlet (Prince Hamlet), and Dracula (Count Dracula), and an upcoming independent feature film shooting in NYC later this fall. He is thrilled to be working with Avi and Courtney to showcase this remarkable new work. Enjoy the show!



ARI VARTENBERG - STAGE DIRECTIONS

Ari is an actor and student at The Barrow Group. They are currently filming a webseries called "Camp Beaver Creek". They enjoy collaborating on creative projects and bringing their passion to everything they do.



VICTOR VERHAEGHE - STEPHENSON

Victor Verhaeghe (Stephenson) has written and directed multiple award winning short films, including: *COP-DOC*, *The Doctor Cares*, *The Parker*, *Saving Kevin*, *Running and Looking*, and *Caleb Vs. Trialagor*. For the stage, Victor has written, hundreds of comedy sketches, wrote and performed a number of shows on the Lower East Side, including, “Naked and Not Ashamed”, “Songs My Mother Stole From Me”; Musicals, *The Women of James Bond*, *The Great Official Subway Musical*, and *Doorman, The Musical*, at The NY Theater Festival. He is currently finishing up his latest musical, *Tik Tok Baby*. As an actor, Victor recently worked with Ewen McGregor on the upcoming Hulu show, *The Spot*, as a recurring Guest Star in *Daredevil: Born Again*. Recent films: *Notice to Quit*, with Michael Zegen, *No Hard Feelings*, with Jennifer Lawrence, *Bad Education* with Hugh Jackman; *Bridge of Spies*, with Tom Hanks and Mark Rylance, directed by Steven Spielberg. On TV: Recurring roles on the TV shows *Raising Kanan*; *Power Book III*; *The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel*, *For Life*, HBO’s *The Night Of*, Three seasons on HBO’s *Boardwalk Empire* and many Guest Starring appearances on *Law & Order*, *Law & Order SVU* and *Law & Order: Criminal Intent*.

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